

Please amend paragraph 0014 on page 6 of the specification as follows:

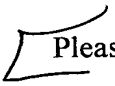

b [0014] According to yet another aspect of the invention, there is provided an attachment mechanism for a first object to be releasably attached to a second object, the first object including a tying element (also referred to herein as an affixing element) having first and second ends. The tying element may be made of covered wire, wire, nylon, plastic, ribbon, or any other suitable material that suggests itself. The preferred embodiment utilizes a covered wire tie, but a zip lock tie, wire, plastic tie, ribbon, clamp, adjustable ring, string, thread, or any other style of a tying element that suggests itself to one skilled in the art may be used instead. It may also be sewn on. Alternatively, if the backer/stabilizer is made out of plastic, it can be heated, and a wire or other attachment device can be inserted into the heated plastic, to thereby rigidly couple the backer/stabilizer to the wire or other attachment device.


Please amend paragraph 0016 on page 7 of the specification as follows:

b [0016] According to still another aspect of the invention, there is provided an attachment device for releasably attaching a first object to a second object. The attachment device includes an elastic band, which corresponds to an affixing element. Alternatively, other means of attachment (e.g., affixing elements) may be used instead of an elastic band, such as a ribbon. The attachment device also includes a backer/stabilizer having at least two regions for receiving respective ends of the elastic band. The attachment device further includes a first Velcro® pad that is adhesively coupled to one surface of the backer/stabilizer, whereby a portion of the elastic band is disposed between the first Velcro® pad and the one surface of the backer/stabilizer. The attachment device also includes a second Velcro® pad that has a first Velcro® surface that is configured to be releasably coupled to the first Velcro® pad. The attachment device still further includes an adhesive material provided on a second, non-Velcro® surface of the second Velcro® pad. The adhesive material is adapted to be adhered to the second object (by first removing a protective peel off covering from the second surface), and the elastic band is adapted to be fitted around a portion of the first object.

Please amend paragraph 0079 on page 19 of the specification as follows:

[0079] The bow/item 400 is attached to the backer/stabilizer 610 using any method including but not limited to wire, covered wire, elastic band, twist tie, ribbon, zip lock, zip tie, plastic locking device, braid, interlocking pieces or pieces that fit together, clamp, decorative center, adjustable ring, a cone-shaped spike with a shaft and a base, any other mechanical device, adhesive process, bonding, or combinations thereof. The attachment devices referred to above for attaching the box/item 400 to the backer/stabilizer 610 are also referred to herein as affixing elements.

 Please amend paragraph 0080 on pages 19 and 20 of the specification as follows: 

 [0080] Referring now to Figures 4, 5 and 6, the backer/stabilizer 610 is attached to the bow 400 by fitting the two ends of the wire 420 respectively through the holes 620A, 620B of the backer/stabilizer 610. Once the two ends of the wire 420 have been fitted through the holes 620A, 620B, the two ends are tied, twisted or fastened together, to operate as an affixing element to thereby provide a firm coupling of the backer/stabilizer 610 to the bow 410. The back surface of the first Velcro® pad 320 is adhered to the backer/stabilizer 610. For example, the back surface of the first Velcro® pad 320 may be glued or otherwise adhered onto the backer/stabilizer 610, it may be stapled to the backer/stabilizer 610, or it may be provided with an adhesive surface with a protective cover, whereby the protective cover is peeled off before the first Velcro® pad 320 is attached to the backer/stabilizer 610. The second Velcro® pad 330 and the second adhesive strip 340 are similar to the ones described with respect to the first embodiment. These steps are preferably performed during manufacturing of the attachment device/reusable bow structure. Alternatively, these steps can be done during construction of the bow by a consumer, with appropriate instructions provided to assist the consumer. The backer/stabilizer may be used with any shaped bow, other item, or combination thereof. One or more items may be attached to the backer/stabilizer (acting as a base).

Please ~~add~~ the following new paragraph between paragraphs 0112 and 0113 on page 31 of the specification:

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[0112A] Figures 22-25 show various types of connecting elements provided on a backer/stabilizer for connecting the backer/stabilizer to an object, whereby the object may be a flag pole (see Figure 22) or some other type of object.

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